

PLANS OF "CONTINGENT" DASHED BY WASHINGTON

State Department Quickly Puts Stop to Organization of Force of Americans.

THEY FIGHT JUST THE SAME

Many Well-Known Citizens of United States Now Enrolled as Loyal Subjects of England, Having Sworn to London as Their Birthplace.

BY HAYDEN TALBOT.

LONDON, December 5.—The mystery of the disappearance of the much publicized "Anglo-American contingent"—the body of 1,200 Americans which Lord Lynden announced he was going to offer to Earl Kitchener after they had had three months' training—is a mystery no longer. And thereby hangs not one, but several tales.

To begin with, the Anglo-American contingent suffered a sudden and permanent and valiant end upwards of a month ago—immediately following the publication in the United States of a cable dispatch from London telling of its organization and brilliant prospects. Nobody concerned will tell exactly what happened, but it is learned to-day, on exacting authority, that immediately Washington learned that citizens of the United States in London were preparing to fight in "Kitchener's army," a short but emphatic message was cabled to the American ambassador here. Within an hour afterwards His Excellency, Mr. Page, had succeeded in convincing the War Office that the Anglo-American contingent was in fact an American contingent, and that, as such, it was wholly displeasing to the strictly neutral-minded authorities at Washington.

SUDDENLY FIND HOPE

DASHED TO THE GROUND

Then and there the War Office advised Lord Lynden that his contingent was in fact an American unit. The new army and 300 enthusiastic Americans suddenly found all their hopes dashed to the ground. Although the men responsible for obtaining publicity for the contingent insisted—before Washington administered the crushing blow—that the ranks were quite full, it is learned that only one-quarter of the desired number had actually been got together.

As a matter of fact, this is less of a reflection on Americans in London than appears on the surface. It is extremely doubtful if there were more than 300 Americans eligible for army service in England at the time the contingent was formed. But there were thousands of Americans in the United States "looking for a scrap," and a goodly percentage of them had indicated in letters their intention of coming over to join the contingent.

The action of the State Department, duly communicated to these would-be recruits, resulted in a change in their plans purely geographical in nature. For, instead of taking ship for England, they took trains for Canada, where, according to Major-General Sam Hughes, War Minister of the Dominion, 60,000 of them appeared and insisted on their inalienable right of getting into trouble.

The 300 in London, meantime, were not exactly idle. They had joined the contingent because they wanted to fight and because their enlistment application differed from the regular form in the important particular that it did not contain any question as to the nativity of the applicant. Negatively those applications suggested the sign of a British subject and a God-fearing man. Actually there was not one word in them that proved it.

But the 300 still wanted to fight. So presently it happened that young men with accents ranging all the way from the super-English Bostonese to rich Southern drawl made their appearance at the War Office and advised unsuspecting staff officers that they were individually willing to accept commission—not in Kitchener's new army, but in the regulars!

MANY HAVE HAD

ACTUAL EXPERIENCE

How many of the total number have had actual experience, anywhere, as military men, it is, of course, impossible to say. Two Americans, holding commissions in the Royal Artillery Corps, are respectively graduates of West Point and Annapolis. But these are the exceptions. Most of them got their commissions the same way Americans in England generally get whatever they get—which applies equally to Englishmen in England—by making "the other fellow" believe he wants to give more than the taker wants to take. At that, however, the demand for commissioned officers ever since war was declared has been so much greater than the supply that Americans of the breed that distinguishes these 300 must have found it laughably easy.

"But weren't you suspected?" a young New Yorker in the grill room of the Savoy was asked. He was dressed in the uniform of a first lieutenant in the Royal Artillery Corps, but United States America was stamped all over him for all that.

"Suspected?" he repeated with a grin. "They know. They know all about all need officers and they need them badly. The available material is so far short of their needs they don't care who you are so long as you shape up right and look as if you could handle a squad of men. Of course, we all have had to lie to get the job; but it isn't very much of a lie when everybody concerned knows it is a lie."

"They have me down in the army records as having been born in Hamilton, Ont. Well, why not? I passed through Hamilton once, when I was a kid."

"Most of the men haven't had that much imagination, though."

To name the men who have thus "sworn falsely" is obviously impossible, but there are names in the list that are known by newspaper readers from New York to San Francisco. Among them are perhaps the most famous football player Princeton ever produced, the managing editor of a New York morning newspaper, one of the most talked-about players New York knew during the 80's (he holds a colonelcy), a boon companion of Nat Goodwin in the days when that star was at the height of his popularity. There is a former Yale hammer thrower, a polo player in California, the son of a Pittsburgh millionaire.

But they are all now subjects of the King and have sworn they are British born.

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GERMAN CRITIC COMMENTS ON ATTITUDE OF THE U. S.

Says England and France Are Obtaining Material of War, While U. S. Country Doesn't Get Similar Assistance.

BERLIN, December 5 (via London).—The attitude of the United States is commented upon by Count Ernest von Reventlow, the naval critic, in an article in the Tagas Zeitung to-day, in which he says that England and France are obtaining from American materials of war, while Germany is not enjoying similar assistance.

Referring to the diplomatic discussion between the United States and England concerning the holding up by British warships of American cargoes as provisional contraband, Count von Reventlow says:

"If England and France are willing to favor the United States as much as possible without depriving from the policy of starving Germany at the expense of small neutral nations, the reason is that both countries have ordered many millions' worth of war material in the United States, and that American industry is working furiously to supply the wants of both these warring na-

tions, from woolen gloves and horse shoes up to collapsible submarines. A submarine transported in parts, according to the transatlantic viewpoint, does not constitute contraband of war, nor does the fabrication thereof for the use of belligerents amount to a breach of neutrality."

"Enough; these are business considerations which naturally dominate the ideas of contraband and the treatment of the American commercial marine."

FOR VIOLATION OF RADIO LAW

Professor in Harvard Faculty Held for Federal Grand Jury.

BOSTON, December 5.—Fitzroy Carrington, of the Harvard University faculty, arrested a few days ago for alleged violation of the radio laws, was held for the Federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Hayes to-day. A similar complaint against Gilbert R. Payson, Jr., thirteen years

old, a neighbor of Professor Carrington, was dismissed. It is alleged Professor Carrington allowed the Payson boy to practice on a wireless equipment the professor had installed in his home for the benefit of his own son.

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